

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
RELATING TO THE UPPER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT AND THE
NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES VOLUNTARY INTEGRATED
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718, the Upper Loup Natural Resources District (District) and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (Department) hereby provide notice that the District and the Department shall hold a public hearing on April 14, 2016 at 7:00 p.m., at the Upper Loup Natural Resources District Office, 39252 Highway 2, Thedford NE 69166. As required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1), the purpose of the hearing is to take testimony on the proposed District/Department integrated management plan (IMP) and the proposed controls. The geographic area for the proposed IMP and proposed controls encompasses the entire land area that is within the District boundary. A general description of the contents of the sections of the proposed IMP is: 1) Introduction, 2) Map and Description of the Integrated Management Plan Area, 3) Goals and Objectives, 4) Action Items, 5) Incentive Programs, 6) Funding Options, 7) Monitoring Plan and Proposed Studies, 8) Modifications to the Integrated Management Plan, 9) Information Considered in Development of this Plan, and 10) Glossary of Terms.

The proposed groundwater action item (control) for the District is set forth in Section 4 of the IMP and consists of the following action: establish a limit on the expansion of groundwater-irrigated acres. That groundwater action item applies to the entire District. The proposed surface water action item (control) is also set forth in Section 4 and includes: establish a limit on the expansion of surface water-irrigated acres. That surface water action item applies to areas within the Loup Basin. Furthermore, Section 4 describes other action items that the District and the Department will take to achieve the goals and objectives of the IMP.

Any interested person may appear at the hearing and present written or oral testimony concerning the proposed IMP and proposed controls. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation by contacting the District or the Department by April 7, 2016. Testimony or other evidence relevant to the purposes of the hearing may also be submitted in writing to the Upper Loup Natural Resources District, 39252 Highway 2, Thedford NE 69166 or to the Department of Natural Resources, 301 Centennial Mall South, P.O. Box 94676, Lincoln, NE 68509-4676, or by electronic mail to the District at abaum@upperlounprd.org or to the Department at tim.freed@nebraska.gov by 5:00 p.m., April 12, 2016.

For further information regarding the proposed IMP and proposed controls or for the full text of the proposed IMP and proposed controls, refer to the District website at <http://www.upperlounprd.org/> or the Department's website at <http://dnr.ne.gov> or contact the District or the Department at the addresses listed above or contact the District at (308) 645-2250 or the Department at (402) 471-2363.

Following the public hearing on the proposed IMP and proposed controls, the District and the Department will consider testimony and make a joint decision within 60 days of whether to implement the proposed IMP with or without modifications and whether to adopt and implement the groundwater and surface water controls proposed in the IMP.